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**From:** Nassif, Julianne (DPH)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 29, 2011 10:07 AM  
**To:** Rachal, J. Valley  
**Subject:** RE: copy of NFLIS MOU- Massachusetts Department of Public Health, State Drug Analysis Lab

Hi Val,  
First let me apologize for transposing your first & last names in my previous email. I am surprised (but glad) that you've been receiving the data monthly. Sharon is at another location and obviously very efficient. I was hesitant to sign the MOU and give her another task, but since she is already performing the monthly reporting, I will sign the MOU and return.

Sorry for the delay,  
Julie Nassif

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**From:** Rachal, J. Valley [mailto:jvr@rti.org]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 29, 2011 9:47 AM  
**To:** Nassif, Julianne (DPH)  
**Cc:** Ancheta, Jeffrey; Rachal, J. Valley; Horstmann, Nicole  
**Subject:** RE: copy of NFLIS MOU- Massachusetts Department of Public Health, State Drug Analysis Lab

Hi Ms. Nassif:

Based on your e-mail, I did check on the data reports from your lab for the DEA National Forensic Laboratory Information System (NFLIS) Program.

As is the case with almost all of the 283 laboratories that are part of NFLIS, your lab's data are reported on a monthly basis. In fact we received your data for May 2011 on June 16<sup>th</sup> 2011. The data are sent via secure transmission by Ms. Sharon Salem. I recall that your lab has been part of the NFLIS program for more than a decade and to my knowledge, the reporting has been consistent throughout.

We hope that you can approve the DEA MOU we sent. If at all possible, we would like to continue the monthly reporting; and if there are any associated costs, we can make arrangements for the NFLIS program to pay for those costs.

If you have any questions, please call or e-mail me or Nicole Horstmann and we will make sure we provide you with the information you might need. Or, if you want changes to the MOU, please let us know. The DEA Program Officer, Ms. DeMia Pressley, can be reached at 202 307 7732.

Thank for the long term participation in and contribution to NFLIS. We look forward to your continued contributions to this vital information system.

Thanks. Val.

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**From:** Nassif, Julianne (DPH) [mailto:julianne.nassif@state.ma.us]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 28, 2011 4:17 PM  
**To:** Rachal, J. Valley  
**Subject:** RE: copy of NFLIS MOU- Massachusetts Department of Public Health, State Drug Analysis Lab

Rachal,  
We have previously reported on an annual basis. This MOU requests data be sent on a monthly basis.

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**From:** Rachal, J. Valley [mailto:jvr@rti.org]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 23, 2011 9:28 AM  
**To:** Nassif, Julianne (DPH)  
**Cc:** Rachal, J. Valley; Horstmann, Nicole; Geercken, Gina S.  
**Subject:** FW: copy of NFLIS MOU- Massachusetts Department of Public Health, State Drug Analysis Lab

Good Morning, Dr. Nassif:

Not to bother you but we are hoping you can approve the attached MOU. (For your information, the original one signed by Mr. Alan Stevenson back in 1999 is also attached.) The key difference between the two MOUs is that the current one is an agreement directly with DEA. Please let me or Nicole Horstmann (919 485 5725) know if we can help or answer questions.

We hope you are having a wonderful summer!

Thanks, Valley.

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**From:** Horstmann, Nicole  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 19, 2011 3:04 PM  
**To:** Julianne.Nassif@state.ma.us  
**Cc:** Rachal, J. Valley  
**Subject:** copy of NFLIS MOU- Massachusetts Department of Public Health, State Drug Analysis Lab

Hi Dr. Nassif-

I've attached a copy of your MOU agreement for your convenience.

Thank you-  
Nicole

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**From:** Nassif, Julianne (DPH) [mailto:Julianne.Nassif@state.ma.us]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 19, 2011 1:17 PM  
**To:** Rachal, J. Valley  
**Subject:** RE: NFLIS- DEA MOU and Massachusetts Department of Public Health, State Drug Analysis Lab

Dear Valley,  
Thank you for following up with me. I must have misplaced the MOU. Would you be so kind as to resend?  
Thanks, Julie Nassif

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**From:** Rachal, J. Valley [mailto:jvr@rti.org]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 19, 2011 10:45 AM  
**To:** Nassif, Julianne (DPH)

**Cc:** Horstmann, Nicole; Geercken, Gina S.; Rachal, J. Valley

**Subject:** NFLIS- DEA MOU and Massachusetts Department of Public Health, State Drug Analysis Lab

Good Afternoon Dr. Nassif:

First off, both DEA and RTI International deeply appreciate the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, State Drug Analysis Lab's contribution to the National Forensic Laboratory Information System (NFLIS) program. The NFLIS data are used on a daily basis by DEA and other federal and state and local agencies to support drug regulatory and enforcement actions. Your system is truly one of the most important system in the nation, and a major contributor to NFLIS for over a decade. And, without question, your early participation was a major factor assuring success of NFLIS.

I direct the DEA NFLIS Program at RTI International in Research Triangle Park, NC. We work under contract for the Drug Enforcement Administration. I am following up on the package of materials sent to you on March 18<sup>th</sup> and specifically if you had any questions regarding the DEA MOU that was enclosed for your approval.

The MOU is very similar to the approved agreement of 1999 (attached for your reference); the basic difference is that the NFLIS program has grown to become so important to DEA that agency officials decided the agreement specified in the current (new) MOU should be directly with DEA rather than RTI. (RTI will continue to manage the program for DEA.)

We hope you can approve the MOU. If you have any questions, or if changes are necessary, please call or e-mail me (919 485 7712; [jvr@rti.org](mailto:jvr@rti.org)) or call or e-mail Nicole Horstmann (919 485 5725; [nhorstmann@rti.org](mailto:nhorstmann@rti.org)). The DEA program officer (Ms. DeMia Pressley) can be reached at 202 307 7732.

We look forward to receiving the new MOU.

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